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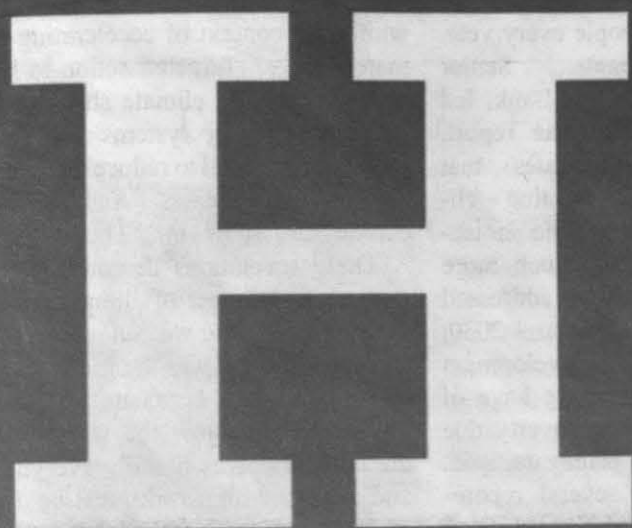
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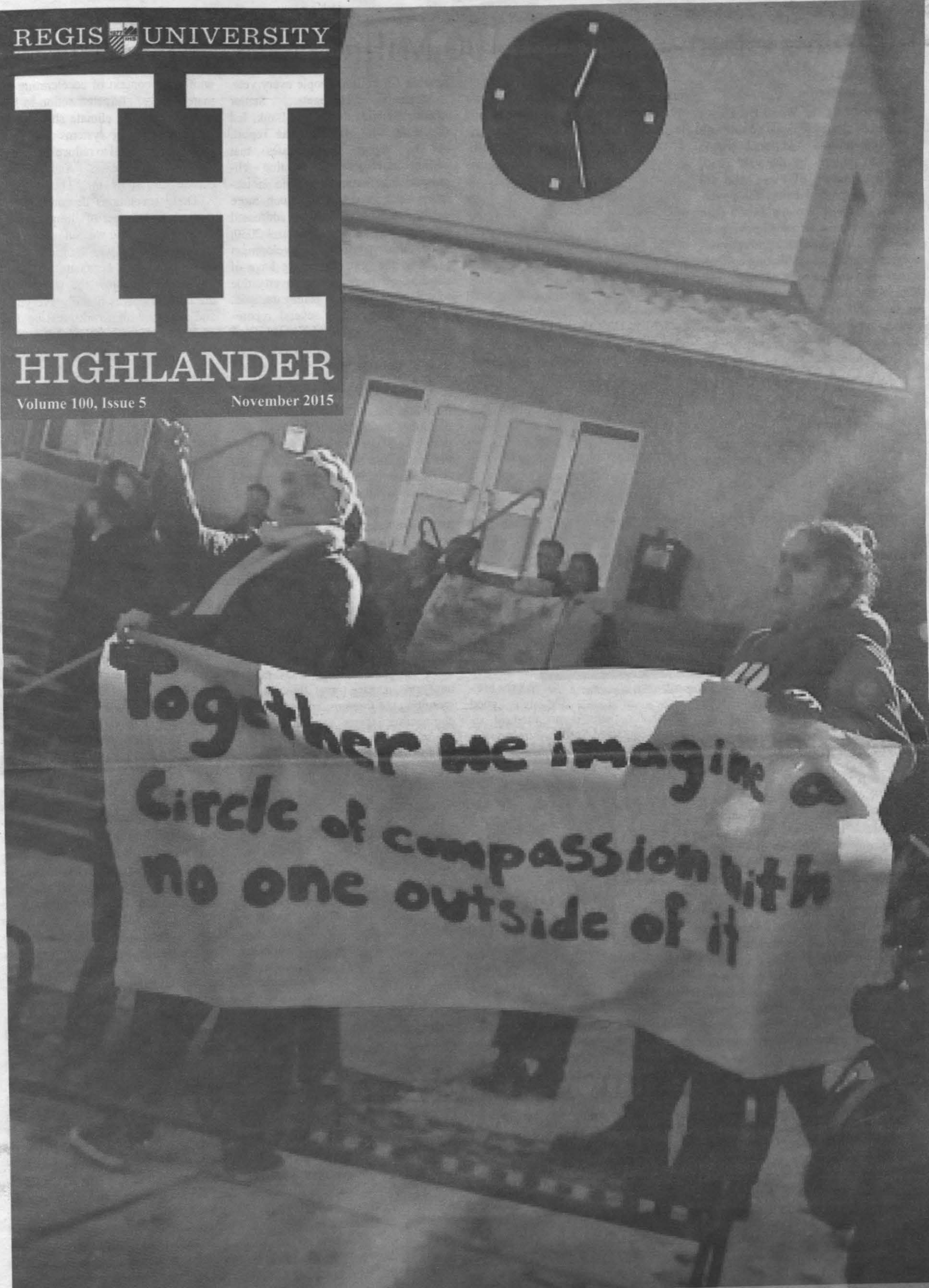
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Climate Change to Push 100 Million More Into Poverty

JAY BELMONARCH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A report by the World Bank says that climate change could push over 100 million additional people back into poverty by the year 2030. Forty-five million of those who are likely to be pushed below the poverty line will be in India, a nation with some of the most atrocious poverty in the world. Climate change directly exacerbates poverty by affecting agriculture, health and causing natural disasters. Agriculture is not only a source of income for many people on the planet, but food security and nutrition are threatened by a warming globe.

Meanwhile, the city of Shenyang

in the northeastern province of Xinghua, China, experienced the worst air quality since they started measuring air quality in 2013. The Shenyang Environmental Protection Agency estimated that there are 1,000 micrograms of toxic particles per cubic meter in the air. Local officials put the figure at 1,200, and Xinhua put it at 1,400.

The World Health Organization has stated that 25 micrograms per cubic meter over 24 hours is safe to breathe. Much of this rise is due to people turning on the heat for the coming cold months. A study published in the journal PLOS One found that air pollution is linked to one in six premature deaths in China, and kills an es-

timated 1.6 million people every year.

Stephanie Hallegate, Senior Economist with the World Bank, led the team who prepared the report.

"The report demonstrates that ending poverty and fighting climate change cannot be done in isolation—the two will be much more easily achieved if they are addressed together, and between now and 2030, good, climate-informed development gives us the best chance we have of warding off increases in poverty due to climate change," Hallegate said.

The report makes several recommendations to avoid the calamity it predicts. Poverty reduction and development projects must be approached

within the context of accelerating climate change. Targeted action to help people deal with climate shocks such as early warning systems and flood protection are vital to reduce the human cost of such disasters. And naturally carbon emissions must be reduced.

These revelations demonstrate the urgency and danger of climate change for all people, and we can see that the current system places the greatest burden on the least fortunate. Because the struggle to slow the warming of the Earth involves literally everything and everyone, the work must be done by all sectors and sections of society, from law to industry to our way of life.

NASA: Accepting Applications for Orion Mission

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NASA is now accepting applications for the first time since

2011 to pave the way to manned missions to Mars. They will be accepting applications from Dec. 14 to mid-Feb. 2016 and will announce the successful candidates in 2017.

Since the space shuttle was retired in 2011 the only way to get off the planet has been aboard the three-person Russian Soyuz capsule, flying from Baikonur in Kazakhstan. It has been 40 years since a human has gone beyond lower orbit.

But for the first time in decades manned space flight is once again on the U.S. horizon. NASA is currently building the Orion deep space exploration vehicle, which is designed to harness an asteroid, and eventually land on Mars.

Would you like to apply? NASA has a few requirements.

A Bachelor of Science in math, engineering, biological or physical science, and an advanced degree is preferred; plus at least 3 years professional experience or 1,000 hours piloting a jet plane. The one exception to these requirements is for teachers, although they still

require at least a Bachelor of Science.

There are also physical requirements.

20/20 vision (naturally or with corrective lenses), blood pressure less than

or equal to 140/90 in a sitting position, and a height between 5'2" and 6' 3" is necessary. It is (literally) vital that astronauts be in extremely good

shape, for there is no medical attention outside Earth's atmosphere.

Those accepted into the astronaut

program are considered "astronaut candidates" for another two years while they are trained in scuba diving and water survival, are exposed to extremes of atmospheric pressure, learn all about space flight and the International Space Station, ride the "vomit comet" (the air-

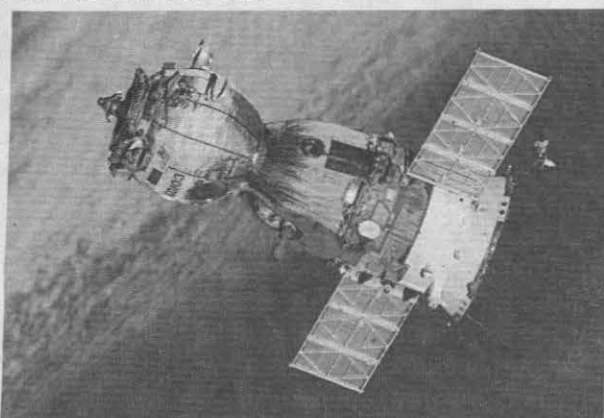
liner that flies in an elliptical path in the upper atmosphere to simulate zero gravity) and get training in speaking to the media and how to speak Russian.

Because there are so few people in space right now (six, as of Nov. 5) the 'waiting list' as it were is long and many qualified astronauts do not see flight for years after completing the program. Then the planning and preparation for a mission takes at least a couple more years.

However, as more private firms make trips into space, the requirements for any space flight are widened gradually. For companies like SpaceX and Boeing, the ramp up to several new firsts in space travel, they are recruiting the foremost scientific and engineering experts they can. SpaceX is currently developing the Crew Dragon spacecraft, and Boeing the

CST-100 Starliner. The first people who will walk on the Red Planet are alive today, and students today can expect to watch

the first steps either from their couch, or from a spacesuit.



Russian Soyuz Capsule. // Wikipedia



SpaceX: Crew Dragon. // Wikipedia

Body Camera Backfire

Ethan Varela

STUDENT JOURNALIST

The Denver Police Union filed a lawsuit over the department's adoption of a body camera program that was implemented in September.

The policy would include over 800 cameras given to officers for on-the-job use.

Nick Mitchell, who was hired as an independent monitor during the body camera program's pilot trial in 2014 observed that only one out of every four incidents was being recorded due to officers not turning them on, technical malfunctions and the lack of distribution to more officers to detail incidents more clearly.

When the program was introduced in September it was unclear

whether this policy would include off-duty jobs that are not department funded, but do require the use of department issued weapons and gear. It is these situations that the Police Union is advocating as a violation

of the collective bargaining rules. According to a statement released by the Denver Police Protective Association, "An ill-conceived body camera program breeds distrust amongst community members and the officers expected to operate this important policing tool."

There were also growing questions as to how this policy would affect the workloads of officers that would now be forced to wear these cameras on off-duty assignments. Police Chief Robert White has said that any off-duty police camera program would have to be carefully thought out and implemented.

Denver PD is preparing to field officers in district six with these cameras for the first time later this month as well as with the gang unit.



Each body camera costs roughly \$300. // WHNT News

Denver Homeless Out Loud: Deconstructed

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On the weekend of Oct. 24, the activist group Denver Homeless Out Loud (DHOL) constructed several tiny homes in Sustainability Park near downtown Denver. Shortly after they were built, they were dismantled by the Denver Police and ten of the activists were arrested.

These homes were intended to provide a safe place for Denver's homeless population in an effort to help them avoid sleeping on the streets. Denver Homeless Out Loud starting building the homes on Saturday. The pieces for each house had already been constructed off site, so building the homes was simply a matter of assembling the premade pieces. The homes were made to be economical and unobtrusive, taking up about 100-200 square feet. At the end of the night, the group had managed to fully construct five houses for the homeless population.

At about 10 p.m., the police arrived. Sustainability Park was used by the Urban Farmers Collaborative as a community garden until recently when the Denver Housing Authority announced its decision to sell the land to a private developer. Denver Homeless Out Loud had built their homes on private property without any kind of permit. A small group of activists refused to leave when the police arrived. The 10 members of DHOL who stayed remained in one of the houses, taking no action against the police but refusing to leave. A helicopter circled overhead and there were reportedly 70 cops outfitted in riot gear approaching while they were ordered repeatedly to leave the property. The night ended when the activists were arrested and the homes dismantled.

Denver Homeless Out Loud does not seem deterred by these recent events. The majority of the 10 activists arrested were released the following day on \$100 bonds. Once out, they began searching for a new place to build their houses. DHOL has been dreaming of creating a "tiny home village" for Denver's homeless for years. They intend to start a discussion with the local government to work out the zoning and location issues the group currently faces.

Professors of the Month

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Dr. Heidi Barker, Education



After many years of education Dr. Heidi Barker could not leave the classroom. Her education started at Trinity University in Texas receiving her undergrad. After graduating Dr. Barker obtained her Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Northern Texas. However, her education still did not stop there. Barker eventually earned her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Illinois. Her degrees pointed her right into the direction of the school systems, where she was able to make relationships with all kinds of individuals, fueling her love for teaching and education. Eventually, Barker's love of creating special relationships with her students landed her right here at Regis University. While balancing her home life and raising three beautiful children, Barker is still passionate about getting to know the personal lives of every single one of her students.

Dr. Jim Seibert, Mathematics



Born and raised in Oregon, Dr. Jim Seibert decided to stay local, earning his undergrad at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. At Linfield, Seibert fell in love with small liberal arts schools. However, Seibert decided to further his education at a larger school, traveling all the way to Colorado to attend grad school at Colorado State University. His long visit here made Seibert fall in love with Colorado. It was then he decided to teach at a small liberal arts school; he found Regis and hasn't left after 15 years. Seibert "never wanted to be anywhere else," and we are very lucky to have him. His passion for math (especially abstract algebra and calculus) has rubbed off on his student, building personal relationships to better their learning.

Courtney's Conservation Corner

Topic of the Week: Paper

Courtney Moynihan
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the past 22 years of my humble existence on planet Earth, I've heard so many variations of the phrase, "one person can't actually make a difference!" I beg to differ. I've always been a firm believer that one person's positive actions (no matter how small) can indeed help create a better world for us all to live in. Sometimes it's the smallest action that inspires other people to do better themselves. This is precisely why I've started this segment on conservation. It's important that we all become more aware of the way our actions impact the world and people around us.

All of this leads me to question: is there anything that you go out of your way for to ensure the quality of our natural world? Could it be that you recycle? Why do you recycle? Maybe it's because you realized that you needed to do something to help our world after Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* scared the American public straight in 2006. Just as well it could be something as simple as, "the rest of my neighbors do it and I don't want to look like an ignorant fool, so I do it too."

By recycling you are not only saving the trees, but there are many other ways that the paper industry impacts our environment that the average person may be completely unaware of.

It's kind of ironic that I'm writing about the harsh environmental effects of the paper industry within the printed edition of our school newspaper. But I swear it all makes sense if you stay with me to the end.

Did you know that each year the world produces more than 300 million tons of paper? According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), printing and writing papers

typically found in a school or office environment, such as copier paper, computer printouts and notepads, comprise the largest category of paper product consumption. Considering that the U.S. is infamous for our brainless consumption habits, it shouldn't come as a surprise that we use approximately one-third of all paper made worldwide each year. More specifically, according to the Paperless Project, "On average, every individual in America uses more than 700 pounds of paper per year."

All of this paper that we use comes from "managed timberlands." At face value these forests appear to be like any other, but what makes these different is that the trees are planted after a harvest only to be harvested themselves 25-30 years later. Although this process is harmful to the soil and only serves as a temporary home for animals that inhabit it for shelter, it's not the largest problem posed by this industry. The aspect of paper production that is most detrimental towards our Mother Earth can be attributed to the actual manufacturing of paper.

According to the U.S. Toxic Release Inventory report published by the EPA, pulp and paper mills are among the worst polluters to air, water and land of any industry in the country. Paper production use an unnecessary amount of water; the average sheet of white printer paper requires 10 liters of water to reach its finished product.

What I'm trying to hit home here is that there are so many positive effects that come from recycling paper. When we fail to recycle there are definitely negative repercussions. Approximately 30 tons of paper resides in U.S. landfills. When paper rots it emits methane, a greenhouse gas. When it burns or is composted it emits carbon dioxide, which also contribute towards global warming.

All in all, we Americans have been doing our part to recycle more of the materials that are recyclable. According to the EPA, in 2013 Americans recycled about 34.3 percent of the 254 million tons of trash that we produced. Officially, America ranks within the top ten countries that successfully recycle.

It's safe to say that the majority of our country is making progress, although there is always room for improvement. Sometimes by knowing the exact implications of our actions we choose the higher, more environmentally friendly road.

I hope that this article has inspired you to ensure that no more of your paper waste ends up in landfills from here on out. I ask that you be sure to recycle all issues of *The Highlander* after having indulged in the beautiful experience that comes from reading a physical copy of a newspaper. As well, if you enjoyed this featured piece from my recently coined "Courtney's Conservation Corner," you can find more articles similar to this one in the near future online.

Please continue to make your best, conscious effort to save our natural world for future generations to come.

Follow Courtney's Conservation Corner at ruhighlander.com.



Reduce, reuse, recycle. // Cleveland Conservation District

Regis Attends Disney's "The Lion King"

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On the evening of Friday, Nov. 6, student participants in Regis' Best of Colorado (BOC) and Last Call programs gathered in Lot 3 with their respective faculty advisors, Spencer Ellis and Thanh Nguyen, to embark on one of the most highly anticipated adventures of the semester.

The Last Call seniors who had ventured down to the Buell Theater three years ago as part of their own BOC experience knew all too well what an exciting experience awaited both groups as they journeyed to see the widely acclaimed performance of Disney's "The Lion King."

These students, dressed to the nines for this special occasion, were lucky enough to witness a truly remarkable performance. For many, this was their first time seeing "The Lion King" performed on stage. For others, this performance reminded them of childhood memories of excitedly watching talented actors stride through the aisles dressed as African wildlife whilst singing "The Circle of Life." Between the costumes, musical numbers, performance as a whole and friends they shared this experience with, every aspect created for these students an evening to remember.

As these 70 students will readily attest to, seeing a performance at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts in Downtown Denver is the experience of a lifetime, and not one that should be missed at any cost. So if you ever have a chance to catch a show, take it from us and don't miss it!

RU Prepared

The Events: Chronology

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On Wednesday, Nov. 4, Regis University officials were notified by the Denver Police Department of a traffic stop in which officials confiscated handguns from two suspects, which resulted in the suspects fleeing south. Campus was in their path.

After the attempted traffic stop near 53rd Street and Grove Avenue a call to campus came in around 4:15 p.m. and the Northwest Campus was put on lockdown with an RU Alert going out to students at 4:25 p.m.

One suspect collapsed and was apprehended on campus while the other headed south of campus and was no longer considered a threat.

The all-clear was given at 5:35 p.m. after which students were able to head to dinner, talk with the University Leadership Team and ask questions.

Campus Safety worked closely with the Denver Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff to respond to the threat. The University also kept alumni and parents updated on what was happening and many shared their support and prayers for everyone's safety.

While many stories have been floating around campus it is important to know that **no shots were ever fired on campus and there was never a threat of an active shooter on campus.** As always, University notifications on any future incidents will always only come via the RU Alert system.

To sign up to receive RU Alerts visit <https://www.getrave.com/login/regis>.

Where Do the RU Alerts Come From?

Matt Bender
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In light of this semester's influx of RU Alerts, I decided to look into where the RU alerts come from and how the data surrounding each alert is confirmed. After talking with Campus Safety

sue an email alert for Campus Safety.

Emergency alerts go out on all platforms: phone call, text and email. These alerts always require follow-up emails to update the Regis community.

Crime alerts are treated a bit differently. Campus Safety is able to take more time to verify events, profile suspects and get car descriptions. Usually these alerts are sent out within 24-48 hours but recently they have changed to an ASAP policy. Interviews for crime alerts are con-



Director Ed Perez, I found out that the process of reporting and sending out these alerts varies between two types of crime notifications. If it is an emergency alert dealing with student lives, such as the recent lockdown, Campus Safety is required to respond immediately.

Due to the Clery Act passed in 1990, there are specifics concerning response times. The RU Alerts for these situations are treated similarly.

If a Campus Safety officer is away from a computer, the director can send out an alert from his computer at home. As a last resort, the officer can even go directly to the contracting company that issues the alerts and they will is-

ducted for crimes on campus and crimes within a few blocks' proximity of campus. Campus Safety boundaries extend only as far as the campus boundary on all sides except for the north side of campus, where student housing exists from campus to 53rd Street between Lowell Boulevard and Grove Street.

It is important to note that even if we get an alert from Campus Safety the school is not required to include the crime in their annual report unless it takes place on campus. This allows for the school to show crime statistics that are very different from those of the surrounding neighborhood.

What Happened In Your Class?

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On Wednesday, Nov. 4, the entire Regis University campus was placed on lockdown. This lockdown came because two men approaching campus were believed to be armed.

In most classrooms the only reason that anyone knew this was going on was because all of the students' phones went off with an RU alert. What if students had done what a lot of teachers ask us to do and turned our phones off? How would we have been warned of this event if we didn't have our phones on?

Each classroom had its own story of what was going on during the lockdown. Some classrooms turned off all of the lights and had the students hide, some professors were walking in and out of their classroom while talking on the phone and other professors just kept teaching throughout the whole thing.

It seems that the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) on campus was not performed the same by all of the professors and students in classrooms, which in a different situation could have been much more dangerous than it was this time. That being said, the campus was well protected and the campus security worked well with the local police to provide the safest campus that they could.

If you were in class during this lockdown make sure to ask your fellow classmates what kind of experience they had compared to what you experienced in your class. You can also share your experience on The Highlander Facebook page.

The Lockdown From Afar

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As a grad student on the Denver Tech Center campus, the RU alerts sparked a fear that something terrifying was happening at the Lowell campus that I called home for the last four years.

It was Wednesday, Nov. 4 and my grad classes were about to start when my phone started ringing. It was a shocking message that everyone on the Lowell campus was on lockdown.

It was not before long all of my colleagues' phones started to ring. I was really pleased with the system at Regis University and the way this frightening situation was handled. I felt at ease; I know that Regis will always go to great measures to keep us student safe.



Aerial view of Regis University. // Photo: Regis University

For A Lockdown?

Regis on Lockdown, Arrupe Out in the Open

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On Wednesday, Nov. 4, Luis Rodriguez, a senior from Arrupe Jesuit High School, was leaving work from Regis University like any other day. He boarded the Arrupe bus along with another student; the Arrupe bus would take them back to school after working.

Arrupe Jesuit sends its students to work at various locations as a part of its corporate work-study initiative in order for students to gain work experience before graduating from high school. Regis has a number of students from Arrupe that work in different departments of the university at least five times a month.

While the students and bus driver waited for Rene Flores, a senior Arrupe student interning at the School of Pharmacy, it did not cross their minds that an incident was under way until they saw Veronica Ortiz, a Regis freshman and Arrupe Jesuit alumna, approaching the bus.

"I knew the bus came around 4:20 to get the kids and it was 4:30 at the time. And since it was my high school I was worried if they

had got the message of the shooter in the area so I wanted to make sure that they knew about it," Ortiz said.

fice with one of the classes that was in a lab...it was calm," Flores said. And while Flores was under the



Arrupe Jesuit High School. //Photo: Jesuit Central South

Flores had already been made aware of the lockdown from those in the School of Pharmacy. "I was right about to catch the bus...I was surprised because they said it was the first time a lockdown has happened."

Flores was advised to stay in the office with Regis faculty. "(We) were just sitting in the of-

supervision of Regis faculty, the Arrupe bus driver was not ready to leave campus without all of the students.

According to Ortiz, "It took about ten minutes of talking to them for them to finally leave...The bus driver was not getting the urgency of what was going on; he wanted to make sure he got all three students working that

day. It wasn't until a Regis employee came out to explain the situation that the bus driver took it seriously."

However, during the lockdown Flores was contacted by Arrupe regarding the incident and for an update on Flores' well-being. "They wanted me to text them when everything was over so they could pick me up," Flores said.

For Rodriguez, he was still not made aware of the exact details of the situation until days after the incident. "No one told me what really happened."

Both students say that neither Regis or Arrupe has prepared them if this incident were to happen again. Nor were they advised, either before or after the incident, to receive RU alerts, like the other employees of Regis.

Both students commented that they feel no change in environment returning to work at Regis. "It's like nothing happened," Flores said.

As for future safety training for students, Ortiz does not expect any type of change in protocol or training for students after the events from Wednesday.

"I can't see why they (Arrupe) would do that since no real harm happened to anyone. Plus Arrupe students are taught to follow their workplaces protocol instead of Arrupe's when at work."

Surrounded by Crime: The D.A. Dilemma Life on 50th and Federal

Kerry Mullin

STUDENT JOURNALIST

The area of Denver where we come to learn, right off of 50th Avenue and Federal Boulevard, is not only home to our beautiful, welcoming campus, but it is home to a community of poverty. With this poverty comes a high level of crime, drug abuse and for me, a lack of security. It seems that within their mission, the Jesuits always find themselves in the midst of those most in need of their help, those who live in scarcity. Living and learning on this campus means that we are a part of this wider community too.

However, I would never walk alone around here. Despite whatever precautions I take, I can't feel completely safe on this campus or in the surrounding neighborhood. It gets worse at night, and worse when I am alone. I cannot feel safe as a woman, as a student or as a member of this community.

It doesn't help that almost every week I get a new notification email from Campus Safety: sexual assaults, theft, stalkers and recently, gun threats. The emails fill my inbox, and they fill me with concern. Sure, our notorious Campus Safety department may be biking the perimeter 24/7, but that is not enough to stop threatening individuals

from harming students on our campus and within the surrounding area.

On weekends, my friends and I will try to go to house parties around the neighborhood, but they usually get shut down as early as midnight by multiple police officers, showing off their flashing lights and their blaring sirens as they break us up. Where are these officers when three or more sexual assaults take place per week on our campus? Where are these officers when Regis is faced with threats of attack or theft? Has anything been done to deter the increased amount of crime our campus has experienced within this semester? And finally, when will our Campus Safety officers take the training wheels off of their bikes and actually attempt to stop the criminal behavior that Regis has become so familiar with?

If we must live in this community that is defined by danger, then we can take action to make our campus and the surrounding community a safer place. Whether it is through education, community outreach or on-campus programs that can teach us how to stay safe (such as the new Personal Safety classes put on by Violence Prevention) it is possible for Regis students to help turn this around, and make our school a place where we can feel safe.

Gabrielle Ocaña

STUDENT JOURNALIST

I was 27 minutes into my shift as a Desk Assistant when I received a forward message of the RU Alert from my dad. There were so many words on my screen but all I saw was LOCKDOWN. In that moment, everyone around me received the email, call and text messages. My friend's faces went white and confused. Could there really be a lockdown at our school?

It was true; two RAs approached the desk and reminded me to stay calm because I was trained for situations like this. However, my first++ thought was terror due to other infamous events that have occurred at schools in Colorado. I remained at the front seat of West Hall and watched students trickle in, as they too were scared.

One resident came in out of breath and said "Campo said there was an active shooter." I checked his ID while an RA reassured him that nothing serious was going to happen.

It was 5:03 p.m. when I received another RU Alert. By then, I wasn't scared because I could hear Campus Safety over the walkie-talkies on the desk. They were handling the situation so well. I was impressed and re-

lieved that not only Regis was working hard to find the fugitives but also two different county police stations.

One resident, Tim Cooney, came in very relaxed. He explained his calm demeanor came from reassurance from the law enforcement. As he was practicing with the lacrosse team, there were multiple officers patrolling the area and that were physically on the field. Everyone who was working to catch the fugitives shielded the area from harm.

The final RU Alert was sent at 5:40 p.m., telling everyone that the lockdown had been lifted. At 5:45 p.m. more and more people come to the first floor lounge in relief. I was still nervous because everyone kept asking so many questions about what happened and I didn't have an answer to give them. By the end of my shift at 6:00 p.m. everything returned to normal.

Many of my superiors congratulated me for staying at the desk and doing my job responsibly. I was still rattled but remained as calm as possible. This was an experience that I will never forget.

Regis Volleyball Eyes NCAAs

Tanner Stuhr

LEAD ASSOCIATE EDITOR

This year the Regis women's volleyball team has high goals despite the fact the team has welcomed several new faces.

"Our goal is to make the NCAAs again. Hopefully, (we'll be) gelling having built and matured at the end of the year so we can make a little bit of a run," head coach Frank Lavrisha said.

One of the focal points of the team this year is the setting position, where freshmen Gabby Haugh and Brinley Beresford stepped in for injured senior setter Jaclyn Williamson.

"It's hard to come on to a team when you're brand new. Usually in the springtime setters get used to their outside hitters; you kind of get into a rhythm but we only had two weeks to do that in preseason. That was definitely hard," senior libero Becca Sponcil said.

Beresford and Haugh have had the opportunity to set outside hitter Maggie Steward all season, and she has been pleased with their production.

"Our setters are doing a great job. There was a really big expectation from them. It is a huge role to come into and play. There's a lot of growth

because it is a big difference between high school and college," Steward said.

Regis is currently 10th in the region and they need to be in the top eight to qualify for the NCAAs. One of the biggest reasons that Regis is

to lead by example," Lavrisha said.

Though there are plenty of new faces on the team this year it is mixed with veterans as well.

"We do have a lot of new players but a lot of people on the court are older. We do have that older presence so when we do play teams we're more mature and can handle situations better," Sponcil said.

Even though the team is in a position to make a run at the NCAAs they feel that they still have areas they can improve in.

"Consistency is a big issue. We have heard from other coaches of the teams we play talk in terms of which Regis team is

going to show up. Just being consistent, coming out aggressive and just being consistently aggressive

throughout the match," Steward said.

Lavrisha also feels consistency has been an issue.

"(Our next area of improvement is) getting over the hump, beating the teams that are better than us like Metro and Mines (by) being more consistent to be able to beat them."

RU Volleyball on the sidelines. // Natalie Scott



Regis University Women's Volleyball Team 2015

// Natalie Scott

in a position to make the NCAAs is because of their team chemistry.

"The interpersonal relationships (are) one of the strongest things we have. We do get along so well and know each other well and get along as a team which we always haven't had. It is easy to bounce back from bad losses because we are there for each other supporting each other," Steward said.

Lavrisha agrees with Steward.

"Overall the group has really done a nice job. In terms of the chemistry of working together it has been good. It's just more of figuring out, OK, what's everybody doing, who's leading and who's going

Regis Campus Welcomes New Sport

Tanner Stuhr

LEAD ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Sophomore Mary Nordini decided she wanted to bring her passion to campus when she transferred from University of Colorado Denver.

"I knew there was a men's rugby team and not a women's, so I thought it was time to bring that in. I also don't want to not be playing rugby," Nordini said.

However, there was quite a bit that went into the process of starting a rugby team.

"It was in the summer actually. I emailed the Wellness and Rec director (Brad Logar) because they did not have a club activities director here yet. He walked us through the process of writing a constitution, finding a coach, getting everything set, finding an executive board," Nordini said.

Another challenge was acquiring players.

"Not a lot of people (came out to play). Right now we have 11 and in the fall you play 15s. We're kind of short but all the teams we're playing lend players to us. It will be great in the spring when we will be playing for seven people. Getting started is difficult," Nordini said.

Nordini was glad she started though.

"I really like the contact. I love just taking someone out. It's so fun."

What Nordini loves also helps her

team.

"What they train you to do is tackle so you land on top of them and you can use them to push yourself up. I've gotten into a really good habit of tackling, getting on top and getting the ball back for my team," Nordini said.

The Rangers had a season of varying results early on.

"The first one was rough against Air Force because we hadn't got used to contact so they kind of just steamrolled

us. It was a good learning experience and it helps everyone click," Nordini said.

However, when the Rangers played University of Colorado Boulder the story was different.

"We played CU Boulder...and we actually did really well. The final score: 35-27. We did not win but we held our ground and were up on them at half-time. The only reason they gained on us was because they put a varsity player in and just walked over us."

Nordini encourages other students to give the sport a try.

"I just find it to be really helpful for relieving stress and making friends, and it just forms a great community."

The women's rugby team will start a new season in the spring. Interested in joining? Contact Mary Nordini (mnordini@regis.edu).



Regis University Women's Rugby Team

// Danya Mae

Saturday Night Lights

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STUDENT JOURNALIST

It's Saturday night, the lights are shining bright, court is set, music is loud and the Regis University women's volleyball team is ready to own the night. The field house is full of fans, family and friends cheering on the elite team.

This is no ordinary Saturday night game; it's senior night. A night to honor the superior six seniors who dominate the court. These seniors, Jac Williamson, Alessandra Orlandini, Laura

Schroeder, Rebecca

Sponcil, Liz Keena

and Diamond Ridley-

Pierce were honored

for their dedica-

tion to the team for

the past four years.

Family mem-

bers in the audience

cheered for the girls

with pride and waved

cut-outs of their faces

to show their support

and love. The team

worked as one unit,

which ultimately

played in their favor.

In a game versus

South Dakota Mines, Regis domi-

nated in four games thanks to the

help of some of the seniors such as

Ridley-Pierce and Orlandini. These

seniors and the rest of the team

played their hearts out on Saturday

just as they have the whole season.

Congratulations to the seniors

FIFA Foul Play

Ethan Beaudoin

STUDENT JOURNALIST

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "FIFA"? The World Cup? You may know it as soccer or fútbol—depending on which country you are from. Did you know that the World Cup is one of the most-watched sporting events in the world? It generates billions of dollars in revenue from corporate sponsors, broadcasting rights and merchandise.

Last week Alan Tomlinson, a Professor of Leisure Studies in the School of Humanities at the University of Brighton, UK, gave a speech at the University of Colorado Denver Business School about the Ethical Misadventures (or corruption) amongst the FIFA organization.

Through his research since the mid-1980s, Tomlinson has written about the governing organization of world soccer, FIFA, while also authoring four books on this topic (three of which were co-written with sports sociologist John Sugden).

The corruption came to light this past summer when the US indicted 14 current and former FIFA officials, who have been charged with "rampant, systemic and deep-rooted" corporation of racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering conspiracies (BBC News

Europe) following a major inquiry by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to BBC News Europe, FIFA has been accused of awarding the 2022 World Cup to the tiny but rich influential Gulf state of Qatar. The investigation has brought light to the honesty and integrity of allocating World Cup tournaments, electing its president and administration of funds.

FIFA's current president Joseph "Sepp" Blatter is currently serving a 90-day suspension by FIFA due to corruption allegations. Blatter is the eighth president suspended by FIFA since 1998, which poses the question of the integrity of the FIFA organization and the election of its officials. Blatter has been accused of criminal mismanagement or misappropriation over a TV rights deal and of a disloyal payment to European football chief Michel Plantini.

However, Blatter continues to deny any wrongdoing.

It is disheartening to hear about these allegations against FIFA, given that it is one of the biggest sporting organizations in the world. The image of FIFA has been tainted. Hopefully FIFA and its internal organization can resolve their issues before the next FIFA World Cup, which is set to take place in Russia in 2018.

Perspective: Concealed Carry On Campus

Concealed Carry Makes Campus Less of a Target

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Perhaps no other topic is as likely to evoke strong opinions at a university as the lawful carrying of firearms by students and faculty. Colorado law bans the carrying of concealed or unconcealed firearms in any public or private educational institution. However, it provides an exception (confirmed by a unanimous Colorado Supreme Court decision in 2012) for carrying a concealed firearm on the grounds of public or private colleges and universities with a state-issued permit, and (in the case of a private university only) permission from the institution. With Colorado's public universities now required to permit "campus carry" by law, the time has come to revisit the issue at Colorado's private universities.

Opponents of campus carry usually begin by painting a picture of drunk frat boys gunning down their least favorite professors and shooting each other over games of beer pong. As such, let's address these irrational fears first. In order to receive a Colorado permit (other states' requirements are similar), a person must be a Colorado resident, age 21 or older. This will generally limit campus carry to older students and faculty. State law also requires a clean criminal record, enforced by a rigorous background check (including fingerprinting) before initial approval, and for each five-year renewal. Finally, all permit applicants are required to attend firearms training every 10 years.

An arrest, much less a conviction, especially for violent crimes like domestic violence or rape, will immediately lead to the suspension or revocation of the permit. A restraining order also usually triggers a suspension. A private university may also ban a particular person from carrying on their property for specific safety reasons, even without an arrest or conviction. Colorado law also requires concealed firearms to be entirely hidden and in the permit holder's possession at all times. It is a crime to possess a concealed firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Together, these provisions robustly protect the safety of those around a permit holder.

Since the 2012 ruling, no major incident involving a lawfully concealed firearm has occurred on any campus in this state. Further, Utah

has allowed the carrying of concealed firearms with a permit in all public educational institutions for decades without a single major injury or death. This evidence strongly supports the assertion that campus carry does not turn universities into the Wild West.

Finally, the positive aspects of campus carry. It is much easier to kill defenseless people than those who are fighting back with firearms. Thus, criminals routinely target the defenseless, which is why gun-free zones like schools (protected by nothing more intimidating than 'no guns allowed' signs) are a perennial target. Accidentally killing someone with a gun is harder than you think, so the chance that someone will be injured or killed in a crossfire is far outweighed by the impact return fire has on a criminal's ability to kill innocent people. Thus, permitting campus carry has two major positive effects: permit and permission from the institution. // Photo: Resist the Tyranny

it makes campus a much less attractive target for criminals in the first place, and it limits the damage a criminal can cause as they must devote some effort to protecting themselves, rather than simply murdering defenseless people.

Given the significant upside, and the significant legal deterrents against the downside (the effectiveness of which have been borne out in Colorado and Utah), Colorado's private colleges and universities ought to give serious thought to bringing their practices in line with their public school colleagues, and permitting campus carry.

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Conceal Carry Weapons on Campus Increase Risks

Allison Foust

GUEST WRITER

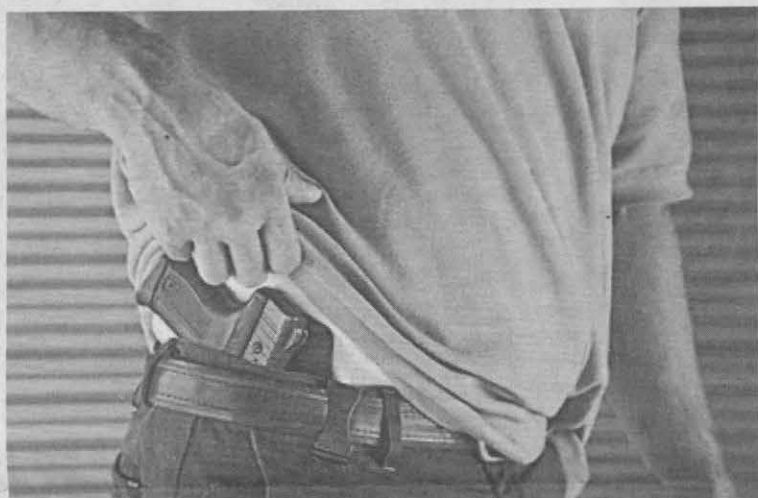
Last week tested Regis faculty, students and administrators on our ability to handle a crisis situation and lockdown procedure. After being stopped by the police, two armed men exited their vehicle and the two attempted to outrun the police by cutting across campus. Yik Yak and Facebook highlighted the fears of Regis students and the general uncertainty about the situation. After such a momentous occasion one has to ask, are there ways to make our campus safer? The answer we hear time and time again is that college campuses would be safer if students and faculty members could arm themselves. However, I strongly believe that you

statements from the woman with the CPL. Ultimately, it was decided that her firing of her weapon was considered to be recklessness with a firearm. Gun associations as well as local government authorities chastised the woman and said later that law enforcement would not be so reckless and endanger the public. Even though this woman had the best intentions at heart she jeopardized the public more than the criminal.

Think back to our lockdown scare; what would our campus have looked like with police combing through campus looking for armed individuals when you add more people to the mix? It would have made law enforcement's job harder as well as put more faith into individuals with conceal carry licenses whose accuracy can be severely stunted as well as intensive training to teach responsible engagement tactics.

Finally, by allowing for conceal carry laws on campus we introduce guns into a volatile space. Not that our campus is ripe for crime but college is a place where parties and substance abuse occur on a weekly basis for some students. Further, college is a stressful time. According to the Alliance for Suicide Prevention and the U.S. Surgeon General, "firearm access is a risk factor for suicide in the United States." We should be extremely wary of allowing more guns to be introduced on campus because suicide rates increase with access to guns, because of the inability of students and faculty to protect others fully the way a law enforcement official might and because civilians lack the training to handle and process crisis situations.

We claim to want guns because we want to have more "good guys with guns." I aim to show that even for an individual with a lack of extensive training but the best of intentions, they become an unnecessary burden to our system that hinders law enforcement, the traditional "good guy," to do as they were trained. Introducing more guns to solve a problem with guns creates the opportunities for more problems within our community (such as suicide) because the influx of firearms either can risk vulnerable people within our community, unintentionally harm community members caught in the crossfire or not allow police to do their job. In this instance, violence cannot solve violence.



Colorado law bans the carrying of concealed or unconcealed firearms in any private educational institution, with the exception of a state-issued permit and permission from the institution. // Photo: Resist the Tyranny

can't solve a gun problem with more guns in the hands of the inexperienced.

Many interviews with former officers or veterans highlight the troubles with accuracy one can experience under times of extreme duress. Essentially, it becomes very worrisome if we were to have a potential shooter on campus with multiple individuals feeling the need to take on the shooter. Not only are there accuracy problems to worry about, but confusion can result from having multiple armed individuals around campus attempting to protect others. Of course that is not necessarily to say that every armed individual would take vigilante justice into their own hands, but we do need to consider how introducing more guns into the equation factors out.

Earlier this year in Detroit a woman with a conceal pistol license (CPL) fired her gun multiple times after a shoplifter stealing merchandise from Home Depot. Police arrived at the scene to take

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In response to the ongoing issues of racism and social injustice occurring at the University of Missouri, Regis students, staff and faculty members gathered in front of the steps of the Dayton Memorial Library at 12:15 p.m. on the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 12 to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are boldly combating

racism on campuses across the country.

The recent media coverage shedding light on the severe ways in which students of color at the University of Missouri have been victimized by death threats and other outright malicious and violent acts of hatred has the nation up in arms, taking sides over this injustice. In response, students and faculty members at Regis worked together this week to hurriedly organize a campus-wide Solidarity Stance.

During this fifteen minute presentation, those in attendance heard remarks from Dr. Geoffrey Bateman, Dr. Brian Drwecki and Dr. Nicki Gonzalez, and participated in a moment of heart-felt prayer offered up by University President Father John P. Fitzgibbons, S.J.

Of this gathering, sophomore student and Mi Gente secretary Crystal Ayala said, "Ours is part of a nationwide expression of solidarity with these students."

Jasa Perry, President of the Black Student Alliance, is currently working with these same faculty members to organize another upcoming Solidarity Stance, similar to this one that occurred on November 12. The event will once again be held on the steps of Dayton Memorial Library. It will take place at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Warming Up for Regis Ramblers

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Regis Ramblers, the musical theater group on campus, will be presenting their 21st production in the Spring of 2016. This year's production will be the very entertaining *Bye Bye Birdie*, which portrays a teenage girl and her chance to kiss Conrad Birdie, a popular rock and roll icon, before he leaves for his time in the military.

The Ramblers are a group of diverse students with a desire to put on high energy productions. Over the years the club has performed shows such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Legally*

Blonde the Musical and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. The Ramblers do not repeat shows; this allows the cast to have new opportunities and a chance to experience different productions as well as bring a fresh feel to the stage.

The Ramblers were founded by Shannan Steele, a former student who is still involved with the club, and her father Dr. Dennis Steele, associate professor of Computer Science here at Regis University. The father-daughter duo created an all-inclusive club to satisfy the need for live theater on the campus.

Shannan Steele is now a semi-professional actor around the Denver area and has used her passion and talents

to produce and direct musicals that are entertaining and high quality at Regis for over 18 years. She has also encouraged other alumni to help direct, encourage, and support the club in its endeavors over the years. Dr. Steele is the faculty advisor for the club and even takes time to watch rehearsals and give critiques and encouraging words to the students.

This year's production is under the direction of Regis alumni Rich and Lisa Cadwallader, who were also members of the Ramblers during their time as Regis undergraduates.














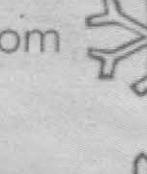

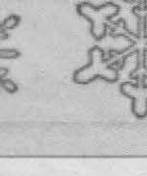

The club will rehearse Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday starting Spring 2016. The actors will put in at

least nine hours per week during rehearsals. The club is a large time commitment, but worth the labor of love to share the talent with a live audience.

The Ramblers encourage everyone who has the desire to be part of the fun-loving group to join, participate and support the club. Experience in theater, dance or singing is not necessary to be a part of the show.

Shows will be held March 31-April 3 in the Mountain View Room and tickets will go on sale the beginning of March. Contact co-presidents and seniors Anne Marie Gilje and Zoe Platt with questions about the show or club.

Snow Week Events Calendar

									
	Ice Queen- Thursday, Nov. 19th @ 8pm in the Mountain View Room								
	Snow D'ourves- Friday, Nov. 20th @ 7pm in the Clarke Atrium								
	Snow Ball- Friday, Nov. 20th @ 8pm at Baldoria on the Water								
	Concert for a Cause- Saturday, Nov. 21st @ 7pm in Mountain View Room								